growing demand for Indian garments in the USA, Denmark, Sweden and other Western countries;

(b) whether it is a fact that performance of the Indian garments industry during the last three years was very bright; and

(c) what measures are to be adopted by Government to modernise the garment industry?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following measures have been taken by the Government to modernise the garment industry: —

(i) There are 119 garment/hosiery making machines under OGL at present out of which 97 machines are allowed to be imported at a concessional rate of duty.

(ii) Under 100 per cent Export Oriented Units and Free Trade Zone Schemes, facilities for duty free import of capital goods and raw materials alongwith many other concessions are given.

(iii) Foreign collaboration with use of foreign brand names is allowed liberally. Domestic usage of foreign brand name in the garment industry is also allowed subject to 75 per cent export obligation and certain other conditions.

(iv) The National Institute of Fa shion Technology for education research and training in the areas of fashion design for garment manufacture has been set up in Delhi.

Extension given to Chairman, Union Bank of India

828, SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that serious objections were raised by Government over the extension given to the Chairman of the Union Bank of India.

(b) whether Reserve Bank of India had recently inquired into the large scale irregularities in the appointments in the Union Bank of India; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Reserve Bank of India have been asked by Government to look into some allegations relating to appointment of officers in Union Bank of India in 1978 and their report is awaited.

Tax on Inter-State consignments of Goods

829. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Constitution was amended through the Constitution (Forty-sixth) Amendment Act, 1982 which was effective from the 3rd February, 1983 enabling, *inter-alia*, the levy of tax on inter-State consignment of goods;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which the Central Government have not yet enacted suitable legislation to enable States to levy consignment tax;

(c) whether Government are aware that crores of rupees are evaded every year or avoided by sales through Commision agents and branch transfer and thus the Central Sates Tax is evaded; and

(d) whether Government propose to enact suitable legislation during